

House Resolution No. 94

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have brought honor and glory to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their accomplishments during times of societal and personal turmoil; and

Whereas, Stella Sollars was born in Shanghai, China, into the family of an engineer who designed and built the power stations which helped industrialize the Yangtze and Whangpo river valleys; and

Whereas, when the Japanese invaded China during World War II, Stella Sollars and her mother, father, and grandfather were imprisoned at the Lunghua concentration camp near a Japanese military airbase; and

Whereas, during her three years as a prisoner of war, Stella Sollars did not allow starvation, illness, and forced labor interfere with the education in languages, science, and mathematics that was provided to her by missionaries who were suffering her same fate; and

Whereas, Stella Sollars put her discipline and studies to good use after the liberation of China by the Allies when she passed the Oxford and London University entrance exams and continued her education; and

Whereas, after graduation Stella Sollars married, had a son, immigrated to the United States, and entered the field of advertising by writing and directing television commercials in Kansas City and by serving as a Creative Director for an ad agency on Madison Avenue in New York; and

Whereas, Stella Sollars now has four grown children, four grandchildren, and an enviable record of community involvement that includes holding public office as a Committeewoman for the 9th Ward and assisting with election campaigns:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the lifelong accomplishments garnered by Stella Sollars and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt respect for her endeavors as a prisoner of war in China during World War II; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Stella Sollars of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Jackson
District No. 89

Representative Jenée Lowe
District No. 44

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 94, adopted January 12, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker